

Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Minutes for January 26th, 2023

Meet by Google Meets at 10:30 a.m..

Board Members in Attendance: Dr. Elizabeth Callahan, President; Dr. Christine Calvert, Ms. Lynne Chaput, Ms. Patricia Quimby, Dr. Peter Radue and Dr. James Reed.

Staff in Attendance: Nathaniel Boan, Executive Director; Susan Husk, Assistant Director; Pegeen Morgan & Ellen James, Inspectors; Britney Branch, Administrative Specialist; Sarah Hultz, Investigator; Tonya Kendrick-Green, Licensing Administrator; Cynthia Spirt, Assistant Attorney General

Open Meeting

Dr. Callahan called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m..

Introduction of Secretary Kevin Atticks.

Approval of the Minutes of the December 8th, 2022 Board Meeting: In a motion by Dr. Radue, and seconded by Dr. Calvert, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the December 8th, 2022 Board Meeting.

Veterinary License Applications Approvals:

In a motion by Dr. Callahan, and seconded by Dr. Radue, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following license applications:

- Dr. Stacey Sheahan
- Dr. Andrew McClain
- Dr. Deborah Snyder
- Dr. Angela Gaesser
- Dr. Alexandria Argue
- Dr. Tierney Roche
- Dr. Julianna Sabol
- Dr. Dawn Hull
- Dr. Kristal Beall
- Dr. David Hanzler
- Dr. Katherine McClain
- Dr. Katherine Thompson
- Dr. Andrew Smith
- Dr. Richard Myers
- Dr. Carly Mayer
- Dr. Mallory Stock
- Dr. Meghan Diritto

Sanitation Reports:

Inspectors Pegeen Morgan and Ellen James presented the Sanitation Reports for inspections performed since December 6th, 2022.

In a motion by Ms. Chaput, and seconded by Dr. Calvert, the Board voted unanimously to approve the inspection reports.

CE Approval Requests:

In a motion by Dr. Callahan, and seconded by Dr. Calvert, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following Continuing Education Requests with the caveats as stated:

- 620 - Shermer
- 621 - Shermer - Make sure to get approval before providing certificates claiming approval.
- 622 - Rattner - Not approved for CDS but may be used for regular clinical CE requirements. With more information possibly approved for CDS. Maryland does not require repeat taking of CDS CE requirements.
- 626 - Edmonds-Wiggins - Must specify which portions are clinical and which are not.

Final Orders since December 8th, 2022 meeting.

- Docket No. 23-48: SBVME / Dr. Muhammad Iqbal, Family Pet Hospital.
 - Signed and Executed the CPFO 1.19.2023.
- Docket No. 23-50: SBVME / Dr. Desi Kelleher Freeman, Desi Kelleher Freeman DVM, LLC (Feathers Scales and Tails)
 - Signed and Executed the CPFO 1.25.2023.
- Docket No. 23-63: SBVME / Dr. Trevor Ashley, Lake Shore Pet Hospital
 - Signed and Executed the CPFO 1.25.2023.

Miscellaneous:

- The Humane Society of Charles County submitted an inquiry asking if an outside veterinarian can use their clinic to perform spay and neuter surgeries on shelter animals while the clinic does not have a valid hospital license due to no Responsible Veterinarian on file?
 - The hospital would require a responsible veterinarian to be able to be used. If the Veterinarian does become the Responsible Veterinarian they would need to ensure that they are following all of the DEA regulations and requirements for ordering, transporting and storing controlled substances.
- Dr. Radue requested that the Board consider DEI training for non-clinical CE credit hours.
 - Board is in favor of making it known that DEI training could be used for non-clinical CE hours. Possibly included in the next newsletter.
- Dr. Kathryn Hirsch, Banfield Columbia submitted an inquiry requesting clarification if a veterinarian needs to be on premises during all posted hours of operation.
 - As long as the practice of veterinary medicine is not occurring a veterinarian doesn't have to be on premises. The clients should be informed when a veterinarian is not going to be on the premises.
- Follow-up: Animal Control Use of Narcan
 - The Board reviewed training materials that were provided for the purpose of training ACOs in the use of Narcan on animals.
- Annual Financial Disclosure Filing Open
- VCA Park Animal Hospital Closing
 - Board will allow an additional 3 months for them to continue medications of existing patients from the closing hospital. After that they will need to establish valid VCPRs with the new clients.
- Regulation: Chapter 12 : Fee structure

- In a motion by Dr. Callahan, and seconded by Dr. Radue, the Board voted unanimously to accept the proposed fee structure.
- Ms. Chaput was approached by a veterinarian constituent inquiring about performing vaccine clinics:
 - If they are trying to do a regular clinic they would need a license. It would also depend on if this is a Rabies vaccine clinic coordinated through the Health Department.
 - Must have a veterinarian.
- HB325 - Veterinarians Licensed in Other jurisdictions practicing in Maryland
 - Board has concerns over individuals unlicensed in Maryland being able to practice due to regulatory authority.
 - The Board has concerns over the generic terminology used for individuals/employees being able to administer Rabies vaccines. We will need to speak with the Health Department for more information.

In a motion by Dr. Calvert, and seconded by Ms. Chaput, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at and to move into an administrative closed session to perform administrative functions outside the scope of the Open Meetings Act, in accordance with § 3-103(a)(1)(i) of the General Provisions Article. The administrative functions to be performed include discussion of the specific matters identified on the Board Agenda. In the alternative, I move to close the meeting pursuant to the following Section 3-305(b):

(7) To obtain advice of counsel;

(8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation;

(12) To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct;" and

(13) To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter.